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Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	09/868,698	RECEIVED CENTRAL FAX CENTER NOV 30 2005
	Filing Date	January 14, 2002	
	First Named Inventor	Zorba, Alexander	
	Art Unit	2129	
	Examiner Name	Tran, Mai T.	
	Attorney Docket Number	005222.00151	

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4. ☐ Other _____

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6. ☒ Amendment/Reply

7. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

8. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

9. ☐ Other _____

10. ☐ **Miscellaneous**

11. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(f) required)

12. ☐ Other _____

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Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).**FEE TRANSMITTAL
for FY 2005**☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 790.00)

Complete if Known

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	---
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	---
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	---
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	---
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	---

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Fee (\$)

Small Entity Fee (\$)

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Fee (\$)

Small Entity Fee (\$)

Multiple dependent claims

Fee (\$)

Small Entity Fee (\$)

Total Claims Extra Claims Fee (\$)

Fee Paid (\$)

Multiple Dependent Claims

Fee (\$)

Fee Paid (\$)

- 20 or HP = x =

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims Extra Claims Fee (\$)

Fee Paid (\$)

- 3 or HP = x =

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3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

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Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
- 100 =	/ 50 =	(round up to a whole number) x		

4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): Request for Continues Examination

Fees Paid (\$)

790.00

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